

**COAL AT \$10 A TON
AND GOING HIGHER**

Prices of Stove and Nut Sizes
Advance, but Shortage
Is Temporary.

CHEAPER BY JANUARY 15

Expert Urges Public to Be Patient and to Buy Fuel
Only as Needed.

Coal is scarce and prices are high and going higher. Consumers are paying anywhere from \$7.75 to \$10 and more a ton for stove and nut coal. It is said prices depend largely on the dealer and also whether the consumer is a regular customer or just an incidental buyer. Some dealers have only enough coal with which to supply their regular patrons and charge strangers a high notch price to discourage them from buying.

The advance in retail prices has been steady for the past few days, and many householders who have furnace worries on their minds have been hard put to it to buy coal at any price. Reports are numerous of the cutting of big orders from 50 to 75 per cent. in order to supply family wants.

Just now coal is being shipped west. It will continue moving in that direction until December 1, when navigation on the great lakes closes. The insurance companies do not insure Western shipments after that date.

Coal Cheaper by January 15.

According to F. W. Seward, general manager of the Coal Trade Journal, the lake shipments will cease by December 15 and there will be a month's time for coal to come east to fill in the gaps. Coal, he said, would be much cheaper by the middle of January.

"In the meantime," Mr. Seward said, "the public should exercise patience and buy coal only as required. People should be advised to buy pea coal instead of stove and nut coal. Pea coal is always much cheaper than the other sizes, and it is not as likely to advance in price in the same proportion. It is largely used in Philadelphia, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be used just as well elsewhere with a little care. It is probable that Philadelphia takes to pea coal because that city is a little closer to the mines than we are."

"There are several reasons why coal is scarce and coal prices are high," Mr. Seward continued. "Miners are going into munition factories. Immigration is slight because of the war and there are no new miners. Then there was an outflow of men from the mines by reason of the fact that many men went back to the old country to fight. Many of these will never return."

Car Shortage Is Serious.

"Then, of course, there is the serious question of a car shortage. The railways are in a situation where they are not in a position to increase the price of soft coal than in the price of hard coal, some bituminous coal costing six times as much as it formerly did. It is now \$7 per ton at some mines, whereas once it once sold at \$1.15 a ton."

Mr. Seward said the capacity of the country is growing up to the capacity of the mines, but the capacity of the railroads to carry the coal has not been kept up.

An officer of one big coal company, which retails stove and nut coal at \$7.75 a ton, an increase of 75 cents a ton over this time a year ago, said yesterday that his concern had been obliged to pay as high as \$11.60 and \$12 a ton for comparatively small consignments in order to fill contracts. In addition to this extremely high rate, it had been compelled also to pay the freight.

Of course there isn't much money in buying coal at \$11.60 and retelling it at \$7.75, but the law of averages enters into the transactions, as much of the coal was purchased at comparatively low prices.

OHIO ACTS ON COAL FAMINE.

Railroads Ordered to Report Number of Cars in Service.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 31.—Acting on the report that brokers and middlemen are holding hundreds of cars loaded with coal and paying demurrage in anticipation of huge profits through the rise in quotations, the Public Utilities Commission sent today to all railroads telegraphic request for a report on "the number of all cars under load with coal in transit and at stations October 30, showing the number of days detention on all cars on demurrage."

The City Council of Cleveland, influenced by the same report, called upon the county grand jury to act. As a result, it was said to-night, two coal brokers were frightened into releasing scores of cars held by them for a month past.

Complaints continued to come in from the mines of inability to get cars. One Kentucky mine which puts out twenty-one cars a day was said to have received one car a day for twenty-one days. Cleveland got 275 cars of coal today. A normal day's receipts at this season are 750 cars. It was estimated there were 800 cars on sidings waiting shipment on boats.

Soft coal sold at Cleveland today for \$6.50 to \$7.50 and hard coal for \$9.25 to \$9.75.

BETRAYED BY FINGER PRINTS.

Woman Held for Larceny on Complaint of Her Boarder.

Finger prints on a dusty cut glass bowl were responsible for the arraignment in Morrisania court yesterday of Mrs. Rosa Frieling, of 814 Manda street, The Bronx. She was held in \$2,500 bail, charged with grand larceny.

Mrs. Elvira Geiger, wife of an importer of riding habits, has been boarding with Mrs. Frieling, and accused her of the theft of jewelry worth \$1,500. Detectives found Mrs. Frieling's room in great disorder, and this led to the discovery of the finger prints, which police experts said were the same as Mrs. Frieling's. A diamond dinner ring and gold pin owned by Mrs. Geiger were found in a barrel in Mrs. Frieling's storeroom.

WANTS CITY LABORERS RAISED.

Alderman Paltis Proposes Per Diem of \$3 Instead of \$2.40.

A resolution was introduced before the Board of Aldermen yesterday by Alderman Paltis of The Bronx, raising the pay of per diem employees of the city from \$2.40 to \$3. The resolution was referred.

Paltis said these men work only seven months a year, which is an average of \$1.75 a day for the whole year. He said the city hardly could expect men to work conscientiously for that amount, in view of the high cost of living.

The board put over the report of the Committee on General Welfare, which will recommend the licensing of massage parlors and operators. Then the board adjourned for two weeks.

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**AIDS HUSBAND SHE
DIVORCED, TO WED**

Unusual Plea Leads Court to
Raise Prohibition—Gives
Child to Father.

Justice Pendleton in the Supreme Court yesterday passed on the unusual case of a woman who divorced her husband according to his obligation for permission to marry again.

The woman was Mrs. Heinrich P. Wolf of 532 West 111th street, and her former husband was Richard Ederheimer, art dealer, of 366 Fifth avenue.

She requested the court's sanction to wed Miss Helen Adele Seelgman, daughter of Richard E. Seelgman of 320 West Eighty-third street.

"I have been acquainted with Mr. Richard Ederheimer for about two and a half years," explained Miss Seelgman in stating that she was ready to become engaged to him. "I am fully acquainted with the fact that his first wife divorced him on statutory grounds. Toward me Mr. Ederheimer's conduct has always been that of a perfect gentleman and in so far as my observation is concerned his conduct toward others, men and women, is invariably the same."

Justice Pendleton accordingly decided to release Mr. Ederheimer from the prohibition placed on unsuccessful defendants of divorce actions in this State and approved the contemplated marriage.

On the strength of representations made to him the Justice established a precedent by granting to the former defendant the custody of his daughter Lydia. He is to pay for her maintenance with Miss Sarah Auerbach at Goddard street, in the Bronx, until she is 15, when she is to choose her future home and custody.

**ERIE DETECTIVES HELD
AFTER SHOOTING TWO**

Employees of Road Were
Wounded in Mistake for
Thieves, It Is Said.

Two employees of the Erie Railroad were shot yesterday by railroad detectives in the Jersey City yards under circumstances so unusual that the detectives were arrested and an investigation started.

George Robertson, 26, of 3219 Boulevard, Jersey City, a freight conductor, was shot in the back and probably fatally wounded. William Lawrence, 61, a locomotive engineer, of Matamoras, Pa., was shot in the neck, but is expected to live.

The detectives are Frank Freigel and Frank Gannon, both of Jersey City. They gave \$1,000 bail each before Judge James P. Dolan in the First Criminal Court.

Their story was that they found a car broken open in the Crazon yards before daylight yesterday morning. They saw nothing missing and concluded the thieves had been scared away. They hid, they said, and a little later saw a man jump from the car. They fired and the man fell. It was Robertson. Another shot was fired and hit Lawrence.

Robertson in a statement said he merely had been passing there and saw the door open. He said he climbed in to see if any one was inside. Lawrence asserted that he was sitting in his cab when the bullet struck him.

Four New Paralysis Cases.

Four cases of infantile paralysis and two deaths were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. The previous day there had been one case and no death.

**LITTLE SYMPHONY
PLEASES HEARERS**

George Barrere's Miniature Orchestra in Programme of Simple Music.

LLORA HOFFMAN SOLOIST
Sings Songs by American
Writers and Wins Applause
of the Audience.

George Barrere has given much evidence that he believes in small music in small places. Naturally this music need not necessarily be small in value, but just small in form and be the means employed for the publication of its ideas.

Mr. Barrere's field is that of music which may be strictly chamber music, but may also occupy the space between this and the orchestral kind.

His "Ensemble" of wind instruments has delighted many, and his Little Symphony, which gave its first concert at the Cort Theatre yesterday afternoon, will, or at any rate should, give pleasure to many more. This is a deplorably overworked season. Despite the vigorous assertions of each artist returning from the European continent that in Germany, at least, all musical affairs are going on quite as usual, there are more concert givers in the American field than ever before, and a large proportion of them live in Europe when they can get there.

With this army of artists facing us it is necessary that we make careful selection of our pleasures, and the Little Symphony is therefore one of the things that can be recommended. Yesterday's concert indicated that Mr. Barrere's policy in programme making is to court the tastes of those who will seek their heavier matter elsewhere if anywhere. All the music was pretty, simple and graceful. It was all in the clearest forms and never strayed into the tangled domains of the modernists.

There were a ballet suite from Grieg's "Cephale et Procris," two "Aubades" by Lalo, a tuncful suite by Louis "Saar and Pierné," "Pour mes petits Amis," which invited the hearer to consider such topics as the "Watch of the Guardian Angel" and "The March of the Little Lead Soldiers." Some idea of the forces used may be gathered from the statement that Mr. Saar's suite is scored for one flute, one oboe, one clarinet, one bassoon, one horn and strings.

The entertainment obtained variety by the inclusion of two groups of songs, delivered by Lora Hoffman, a soprano recently heard in recital at Aeolian Hall. Miss Hoffman, who sang American lyrics, appeared to better advantage yesterday, when her voice had a better quality and her interpretative powers were disclosed in a more favorable light. She continued, however, to make occasional deviations from the pitch, but the audience gave her much applause. Frank Hibb played her accompaniments very well, and she sang one of his songs as an encore number.

CHRISTINE MILLER SINGS.

Recital by Popular Contralto Has Large Audience.

Christine Miller, contralto, gave a recital of songs in Aeolian Hall last evening. Miss Miller is well and favorably known to local music lovers, and it was not astonishing to find that she was well-received by a large and friendly audience. For the entertainment of her hearers she had prepared a programme of songs new and old, foreign and American.

John Alden Carpenter was represented by his "Water Colors," described by their composer as "Four Chinese Tone Poems." There was much characteristic color in the accompaniments and the treatment of the quaint texts showed Mr. Carpenter's familiar feeling for declamatory lines, as well as general atmosphere. If T. Burleigh contributed "The Grey Wolf" and "Inishmaan," Walter Kramer "Dark and Wondrous Night" and Bartholomew, Rogers and Hibb were also on the list.

The Teutonic writers were represented chiefly by Hugo Wolf, but Robert Kahn also had one lyric. Miss Miller is an artist of much taste and of interpretative ability. Her excellent enunciation is one of her most valuable assets, and she is one more of the singers who show conclusively that English is a singable tongue.

DUAL RECITAL GIVEN.

Tenor and Soprano Sing Numerous New Songs.

Meredec de Pina, mezzo soprano, and Roger de Bruyn, tenor, gave a concert yesterday afternoon in Aeolian Hall. The programme was very long. Made up of music from more than twenty composers, it consisted of many songs for each singer, among which were twelve or more marked for first hearing here, and several duets.

Among the songs listed as new were one with title, "Ode," by Rubin Goldmark; one by Harry Burleigh called "Garden Song," and one by Frank Warner, "The Mountain." Humberto Martucci was at the piano. The audience was of good size and extremely indulgent.

**NEW DIMES BRING
A RUSH IN WALL ST.**

Rumor That They Will Be
Withdrawn Owing to Initial
of the Designer.

On the theory that they may be withdrawn from circulation and eventually command a premium from collectors, there was a keen demand for new dimes at the Sub-Treasury yesterday. But a few were in line when the distribution started at 10 o'clock, but in half an hour hundreds of boys and young men, attracted by the rumor that they could get something for ten cents that might increase in value, were crowded about the Pine street doors.

Traffic officers of the Wall Street district took charge of the congestion and soon had it straightened out into a long thin line that extended down Pine street with its right resting on William street. Early purchasers sought a quick turnover and a dozen or so of these offered to part with their newly acquired dimes for fifty cents for four. Several sales were made on that basis by collectors or persons who did not care to stand in line. The rumor that the new dimes will be

withdrawn from circulation was started by a report from Washington that Treasury officials are displeased with the new coin, because the initial of Adolph A. Weinman, the designer, appears in a prominent place on the coin. Wesley S. Twiddle, chief clerk of the Sub-Treasury, who is handling the distribution, said that he is inclined to doubt the reports about withdrawal and has received no orders to that effect. A total of 50,000 were received here for distribution and Mr. Twiddle said they would be issued as long as the supply lasts. Another supply is expected by the end of the week.

"I think it is perfectly proper for me or any other artist who is not ashamed of his work to sign a coin or anything else with a monogram," said Adolph A. Weinman, whose initials on the face of the new coin have provoked the discussion. "The coin is actually the conception of the artist and the only work of the mint is the mechanical process. It does not seem probable that my initials will cause the withdrawal of the coin. For Arthur M. Joyce, superintendent of the mint in Philadelphia, had come to an understanding with me on the question before the dies were made. The buffalo nickel, put out a year ago, has an 'R' just below the date on the obverse, the initials of James F. E. Fraser, the designer. The new half dollars, which are to be put in circulation soon and which I designed, will have 'A. W.' on the reverse."

Hawkers did a lively business in Park Row last night selling the new dimes at the price of two of 25 cents. Tossing a handful of the glittering pieces from one palm to the other, they were the centres of interested throngs, and must have done well. They couldn't lose anything more than their time and made 25 per cent. profit on every sale.

AERO STABILIZERS PATENTED.

Control of Devices Obtained by Curtiss Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Complete control of the existing types of longitudinal stability devices for flying boats was obtained by the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation in patents granted today after hearings at the Patent Office. According to attorneys for the corporation the patents cover all types of combined air and water craft now in operation.

SALE OF ART OBJECTS.

Oriental Rugs and Period Furniture at Silo's.

A collection of art objects and period furniture, owned by C. W. Hulst of Englewood, N. J., and Benjamin Moss, is now on view in Silo's Fifth Avenue Art Galleries. The chief feature is a large Savonnerie rug of pale green with a floral decoration. There are also Chinese and Persian carpets, Kien Lung porcelain bronzes and Chippendale and Colonial bedroom suites. The sale begins Thursday afternoon.



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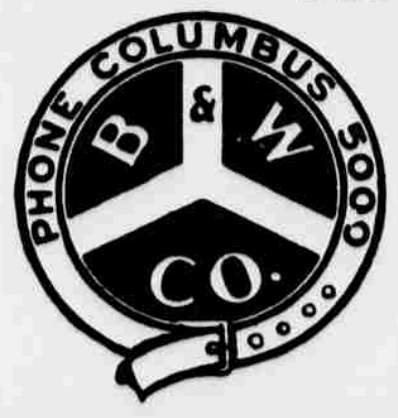
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